



Outline – Sunday School, June 25, 2017

Sermon Title: Freed to be a Faithful Witness

Text: Psalm 119:41-48, VAU

1. The LORD's Covenant Deliverance/The Psalmist's Confident Defense (v 41-42):

a. Deliverance *out* or deliverance *through*? (v 41): Ps 33:18-22/Ps 51: 1-3; 57: 1-3/Titus 3:5

A lineage of Covenant Mercy = “lovingkindness,” God’s covenant faithfulness and His continual mercy:
Ps 103:2, 6-11, 17-18/Luke 1:72-75/25:10-20 - mercy = promise kept = 77:8/Ps 89:1-3, 11, 28

b. A Response of Maturity (v 42): “I shall have an answer”: Defense/Apologetic: v 22/Ps 69:9
/1 Peter 3:13-16

“because I trust in your word,” from covenant knowledge and communion with God: Ps 89:1-3

2. The LORD's Powerful Resource/The Psalmist's Persistent Resolve (v 43-48):

a. Grace in Proclamation (v 43): Acts 14:3/Eph 6:19-20

= Hope in the gospel motivates our witness. “word of truth” = the gospel - Col 1:5/Col 1:23 = stand firm,
and leave the results to God

“Not merely do not take it out of my heart, but not even out of my mouth: grant that what I truly believe I
may freely also confess” (Rivetus)

b. Faithfulness in Obedience (v 44): in gratitude for God’s goodness. 1 Tim 1:12-16

c. Freedom in Communion (v 45): “walk at liberty” = a wide place: freedom from all constraints of fear,
doubt, pride, and shame = 2 Tim 1:7/Ps 31:7-16/John 8:36/James 1:25

d. Boldness in Witness (v 46): Acts 14:3 = A Spirit empowered witness - Acts 1:8 - obedience = Acts 5:32
/fearlessness before kings: Prov 22:29 (Moses, David, Jeremiah, Elijah, Daniel, John the Baptist, Jesus,
Paul) apostles, NT Church = Matthew 10:18-19/Luke 21:12/ 1 Cor 2:6-8

e. Pleasure in Pursuit (v 47-48): The lifting up of the hands is the outward expression of the lifting up of the
heart to them - Ps 28:2